

IN THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) An expandable folder, comprising:
 - a single, integral material including;
 - a back having a lower edge, an upper edge, and first and second side edges, the back having a width defined between said first and second side edges;
 - a first side connected to the first side edge of said back by a first expanding side section having first, second and third side fold lines;
 - a second side connected to the second side edge of said back by a second expanding side section having first, second and third side fold lines;
 - a front connected to the lower edge of said back by an expanding bottom section including first, second and third lower fold lines, the front having a cover portion and a foldover portion;
 - a flap connected to said upper edge of said back by an expanding top section including first, second, third and fourth upper fold lines;
 - the foldover portion of said front having a first tab and a second tab, the first side having a slot to receive said first tab, the second side having a slot to receive said second tab, the cover portion of said front having a slot for receiving said flap, the foldover portion having a width corresponding to the width of the back and the foldover portion folded over the first and second sides and positioned between the back and the first and second sides.
2. (original)The expandable folder of claim 1 wherein no glue or fastener is used to form the folder.
3. (original) The expandable folder of claim 1 wherein the flap defines a label section between the second and third fold lines therein.
4. (canceled)
5. (original)The expandable folder of claim 1 wherein the first and second sides have an upper edge, the upper edge forming a continuation of the first fold line of the flap, the foldover portion and cover portion joined at a first fold line, the foldover portion folded over the upper edges of the first and second sides at the first fold line.
6. (original)The expandable folder of claim 1 wherein no additional fold lines exist between the back and first side, back and second side, front and back and back and flap.

7. (original)The expandable folder of claim 1 wherein no portion of the first and second tabs and slots are exposed.

8. (original)The expandable folder of claim 1 wherein the first and second sides each have only a single slot.

9. (original)The expandable folder of claim 1 wherein the flap has an end, the end received in the slot of the cover portion, at least a portion of the end of the flap positioned between the cover portion and first and second sides.

10. (original)The expandable folder of claim 1 wherein the first and second tabs each have an end, the ends received in the slots of the first and second side covers with the ends between the first and second sides and the front to prevent objects in the folder from inadvertently contacting the ends and forcing the ends out of the slots.

11. (original)The expandable folder of claim 1 wherein no additional fold lines exist between the back and flap, the portion of the expanding top section between the second and third fold lines remaining generally perpendicular the front and back as the folder is expanded such that a label on said portion remains readable from the top of the folder.

12. (currently amended)The expandable folder of claim 1 wherein the first and second tabs do not move within the slots of the first and second ~~side covers~~ sides as the folder expands as the cover portion and foldover portion of the front are folded over upper edges of the first and second sides ~~side covers~~.

13. (original)The expandable folder of claim 1 wherein the foldover portion covers the slot in the cover portion preventing the flap from contacting objects in the folder as the flap is inserted into the slot.

14. (currently amended) An expandable folder, comprising:
a single, integral material including;
a back having a lower edge, an upper edge, and first and second side edges, the lower and upper edges being parallel and the first and second side edges being parallel, the back having a width defined between said first and second side edges;
a first side connected to the first side edge of said back by a first expanding side section having only first, second and third side fold lines, the first side defining an upper edge forming a continuation of and parallel to the upper edge of the back, a lower edge forming a continuation of and parallel to the lower edge of the back and a side edge extending generally perpendicular to the upper and lower edges of the first side;
a second side connected to the second side edge of said back by a second expanding side section having only first, second and third side fold lines, the second side defining an upper edge forming a continuation of and parallel to the upper edge of the back, a lower edge forming a continuation of and parallel to the lower edge of the back and a side edge extending generally perpendicular to the upper and lower edges of the second side;

a front connected to the lower edge of said back by an expanding bottom section including only first, second and third lower fold lines, the front having a cover portion and a foldover portion, the cover portion and foldover portion having first and second side edges forming a continuation of and parallel to the first and second side edges of the back, respectively;

a flap connected to said upper edge of said back by an expanding top section including only first, second, third and fourth upper fold lines, the expanding top section having first and second side edges forming a continuation of the first and second side edges of the back, respectively, the flap having first and second edges tapering from the expanding top section to an end of width less than the width of the back, the portion of the expanding top section between the second and third fold lines remaining generally perpendicular the front and back as the folder is expanded such that a label on said portion remains readable from the top of the folder;

the foldover portion of said front having a first tab and a second tab, the first side having a single slot to receive said first tab, the second side having a single slot to receive said second tab, the cover portion of said front having a slot for receiving the end of said flap, the foldover portion having a width corresponding to the width of the back and the foldover portion folded over the upper edges of the first and second sides and positioned between the back and the first and second sides with the first and second tabs received in the slots in the first and second sides with no portion of the first and second tabs and slots exposed, wherein the first and second tabs have an end, the ends received in the slots of the first and second sides with the ends between the first and second sides and the front to prevent objects in the folder from inadvertently contacting the ends to force the ends out of the slots, the first and second tabs fixed within the slots of the first and second ~~side covers~~ sides as the folder expands as the cover portion and foldover portion of the front are folded over the upper edges of the first and second sides, wherein the foldover portion covers the slot in the cover portion preventing the flap from contacting objects in the folder as the flap is inserted into the slot, no glue or fastener being used to form the folder.